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1. Opening and registration

The Asian Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 July 2010.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 12 July, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Allson Angkor Paradise Hotel

National Road 6, Phum Sala Kanseng, Sangkat Svay Dangkoum

Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia

Tel.: +(855) 63-760-690

Fax: +(855) 63-760-691

E-mail: info.angkorparadise@allsonhotel.com

Web site: www.allsonhotels.com

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Documents will be made available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSRAT-AS-01>

5. General information on access to Siem Reap, Cambodia



Siem Reap is serviced by Siem Reap International Airport in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The journey to the city centre takes approximately 15-20 minutes and the cost is approximately US \$7.00-10.00.

6. Visa information



Participants from the following countries do not require a visa for Cambodia: Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam.

All other participants require a visa for entry into Cambodia. Most participants can apply for a Cambodian visa on arrival at Siem Reap airport for US \$20.00 cash plus US\$5.00 processing fee. A visa form will be issued to you on the airplane or on arrival at Siem Reap Airport. You will also need two passport photos to accompany your visa application.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Cambodian diplomatic/consular missions abroad and the electronic visa application information is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia at: www.mfaic.gov.kh.

For more information on and the requirements for entering Cambodia please also visit the web site of the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia: <http://www.mot.gov.kh/GettingToCambodia.aspx?sm=67&Ads=1>

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Health Requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers entering Cambodia within 10 days of having stayed overnight or longer in countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Also, there is a Malaria risk throughout the year in the whole country except in Phnom Penh and close to Tonle Sap. Risk within the tourist area of Angkor Wat is negligible.

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Cambodia can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site: <http://apps.who.int/tools/geoserver/www/ith/index.html>.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the Allson Angkor Paradise Hotel. Participants are requested to confirm their reservations directly with the hotel.

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Other information on hotels and tourist information can be found at the following link: <http://www.tourismcambodia.com/>



9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

10. Official languages in Cambodia

The official Language in Cambodia is Khmer, but English is spoken and understood in hotels, shops and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In July, temperatures in Siem Reap usually range between a maximum of 33°C in the daytime and a minimum of 25°C at night. The rainy season in Cambodia is from July to September, please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/145/c00347.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 7 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 volts, 50 Hertz and the plugs and are shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Cambodia is the Riel (KHR). However, the US dollar is acceptable for any expenditure. The current exchange rate as at 23 June 2010 is US \$1.00 = KHR 4,230.00 and €1.00 = KHR 5,170.00. Exchange of certain currencies may be limited, therefore, it is recommended to bring US dollars. Participants can exchange money at market, bank or at the airport. ATMs are available in the city center and some petroleum stations. Major credit cards such as VISA and MasterCard are accepted at most hotels, some shops and restaurants.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.
